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**Subject:** FW: EPA reorganization

Hi Liz – On background: I thought you might be interested in the following email sent to The Hill, on their inaccurate and fearmongering article that is getting picked up by many other outlets. The Hill tried to claim in their article that there is a major re-organization happening that will end science research and grants that affect children's health. This is a reorganization being proposed by career leadership to help make their office work better, it's not what The Hill is claiming or sensationalizing. Please let me know if you have questions or want to discuss. Thanks for your consideration – Liz

**Major EPA reorganization will end science research program – Not true, research will continue**

**BY MIRANDA GREEN - 02/26/18 08:49 PM EST**

A federal environmental program that distributes grants to test the effects of chemical exposure on adults and children is being shuttered amidst a major organization consolidation at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Not true: The funding of grants has nothing to do with a reorganization that has been initiated by ORD career and political leadership. Nothing is "being shuttered" there is no "major organization"

The National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) will no longer exist following plans to combine three EPA offices, the agency confirmed to The Hill on Monday.

Not true: No functions will be eliminated. Career and political staff – together- have initiated a process to bring multiple functions into one office – based on changes that have occurred over years.

The program provides millions of dollars in grants each year.

Funding of grants has nothing to do with any potential reorganization.

Perhaps best known for its handling of fellowships that study the effects of chemicals on children's health, the NCER will be dissolved and science staff serving there will be reassigned elsewhere within the department, the EPA said.

NOT TRUE: Nothing is "being dissolved" – staff will join with functions similar to what they are doing; no functions are being eliminated.

The merger will involve the EPA's Office of Administrative and Research Support, Office of Program Accountability and Resource Management, and the grants and contracts managed by the NCER to create a new Office of Resource Management.

A merging of functions is very different than a "shuttering amidst a major reorganization"

Other EPA functions consolidated into the new office include the handling of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, records management and budget formulation functions.

FOIA responses are functions performed across the agency, in all offices. There are FOIA officers in each, program/office. That isn't changing.

An EPA spokesperson said the extensive organizational changes are meant to create more efficiency within the agency.

Where did you get the word "extensive" – seems subjective. You are neglecting to say that this is an efficiency designed by career leadership, that is being initiated and going through the approval process.

"EPA's Office of Research and Development is one of the world's leading environmental and human health research organizations. In order to maintain the quality and focus of our research, senior leaders from the research and development office are proactively taking steps to create management efficiencies within the organization," the spokesperson said. "These changes will help EPA's Office of Research and Development be more responsive to agency priorities and funding realities."

The White House's fiscal 2018 and 2019 budgets both proposed zeroing out major programs under the NCER, but the cuts were not taken up in the most recent congressional budget.

The budget has nothing to do with this.

An EPA spokesperson said that under the planned overhaul, employees currently working at the NCER will not be fired, but may have their positions altered.

"fired" seems like fearmongering here – also, this is not true: all functions are continuing and the reorganization effort being initiated does not affect any employment status. The email that YOU QUOTE FROM says "staff affected will retain the grade and career ladder of their position"!

"At the appropriate time, the science staff currently in NCER will be redeployed to the [Office of Research and Development] labs/centers/offices matching their expertise to organizational needs. This reorganization could result in a change of positions or functions. Staff in the affected organizations will retain the grade and career ladder of their position of record," the spokesperson said.

See above.

The NCER is largely known for the funding it provides through its premiere program, Science To Achieve Results (STAR). Under the STAR program, grants are given to the Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research Centers, which were established in 1988 to discover methods to reduce children's health risks from environmental factors.

As explained: The funding of grants has nothing to do with a reorganization that has been initiated by ORD career and political leadership.

"Those programs have been so successful in advancing our scientific understanding and our ability to address the ways that environmental chemicals can impact children's health," said Tracey Woodruff, a former senior scientist and policy adviser at the EPA under the Clinton and Bush administrations. "The children centers

were really the first and only centers to uncover the relationship with prenatal exposure to flame retardants and IQ deficiencies in children."

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A report released by the National Academy of Sciences last year that was compiled at the EPA's request championed the STAR program for its "numerous successes."

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"STAR has had numerous successes, such as in research on human health implications of air pollution, on environmental effects on children's health and well-being, on interactions between climate change and air quality, and on the human health implications of nanoparticles. Those are just a few examples; many more could be cited," the report read.

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A former EPA official who worked within the NCER said the loss of the STAR program would be harmful to both the EPA and national science.

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"The program was designed to not provide direct benefits to the agency but to the public. Without the STAR grants program there is a loss of an environmental agency that will look at both environmental and human health issues and to exam environmental issues of the future," the source cautioned.

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Woodruff called the decision to merge the NCER with the other offices, which currently do not focus on handling grants, extremely concerning.

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"They make it sound like this is a way to create efficiency, but it masks what's happening to this actually programmatic, scientific function of NCER and the STAR program. That makes you think, is this really just an efficiency argument masking their real intention to get rid of the research grant program, which they have said they want to do in the past?" she said. "Answering FOIAs and administering scientific grants are not the same thing."

Exactly; maybe The Hill should explain to readers that each EPA office typically has a FOIA officer and the reorganization that is initiated is to help consolidate administration activities of this particular department – not to change FOIAs, and that – AGAIN – the funding of grants has nothing to do with this.

The EPA has recently acknowledged a slow-down in the rate of FOIA requests answered, citing a backlog in previous requests made under the Obama administration and an uptick in FOIA requests sent since President Trump took office.

The EPA official did not acknowledge how the agency rearrangement may address those issues.

B/c it doesn't – these are issues that The Hill is conflating.

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Morocco in December

<https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/12/following-reports-of-pruitt-s-40-000-trip-to-morocco-carper-asks-inspector-general-to-expand-investigation-into-epa-administrator-s-travel>

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1	Administrator Lisa Jackson										
2	From	To		Voucher Amount	Cost of Flight (including TMC Fee's)	Class of service	Hotel Cost	Over allowed lodging cost?	Misc. Notes	Total costs for all travelers	Admin + security
3	8/8/2012	8/14/2012	Bilateral Engagement with Israel - ISRAEL - TEL AVIV (6-days)	\$ 7,216.23	\$ 4,989.82	Economy	\$ 1,340.00	No		\$ 64,963.04	\$ 18,325.00
4	8/27/2012	8/31/2012	Delegation to the 2012 Summer Paralympics - UNITED KINGDOM - LONDON (5-days)	\$ 1,092.66	\$ 206.52				Airfare and lodging paid by State Dept.	\$ 13,882.63	\$ 8,381.25
5	8/7/2012	8/8/2012	Border 2012/Border2020 U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program - MEXICO - TIJUANA (3-days)	\$ 808.75	\$ 537.51	Economy	\$ 133.00	No		\$ 21,445.08	808.75
6	6/28/2012	6/28/2012	RIO +20 Conference - BRAZIL - RIO DE JANEIRO (5-days)	\$ 1,155.22	\$ 439.51	Economy	\$ -		Lodging provided in kind	\$ 39,817.52	\$ 16,371.21
7	8/14/2011	8/19/2011	The Joint Initiative on Urban Sustainability Meeting - BRAZIL - RIO DE JANEIRO (6-days)	\$ 3,340.76	\$ 1,135.24	Economy	\$ 1,273.52		Documentation pre dates records retention	\$ 56,950.31	\$ 14,442.72
8	8/21/2011	6/22/2011	Eighteenth Regular Session of the CEC Council, JPAC Meeting - CANADA - MONTREAL (2-days)	\$ 759.13	\$ 567.84	Economy	\$ -		Documentation pre dates records retention	\$ 51,435.92	\$ 6,244.33
9	3/18/2011	3/20/2011	The Administrator will join the President as he announces a joint US-Brazil Green Economy Commission that will be led by EPA - BRAZIL - BRASILIA (3-days)	\$ 415.15	No airfare claimed.				Documentation pre dates records retention	\$ 7,795.37	\$ 4,326.00
10	2/18/2011	2/24/2011	"Mission to Promote EPA Programs in Africa and Engage UNEP GC" - KENYA - NAIROBI (9-days)	\$ 14,198.28	\$ 10,407.88	Business	\$ 2,680.69		Documentation pre dates records retention	\$ 49,948.98	\$ 21,955.57
11	10/7/2010	10/14/2010	US-China Bilateral Engagement (CEC and Shanghai World Expo) - CHINA - BEIJING, GUANGZHOU, SHANGHAI (8-days)	\$ 19,874.64	\$ 10,864.70	Business	\$ 1,245.35		Documentation pre dates records retention	\$ 155,763.91	\$ 46,552.80
12	8/30/2010	10/1/2010	2nd Methane to Markets Ministerial Meeting - MEXICO - MEXICO CITY, D.F. (4-days)	Trip Cancelled	\$ 52.46	TMC Fee only			Documentation pre dates records retention		
13	8/16/2010	8/18/2010	2010 CEC Council Session - MEXICO - GUANAJUATO (3-days)	N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
14				N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
15	8/11/2010	3/13/2010	Para Olympics in Vancouver, Canada - CANADA - VANCOUVER (5-days)	N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
16	12/7/2009	12/11/2009	COP15 United Nations Climate Change Conference 2009 - DENMARK - COPENHAGEN (12-days)	N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
17	10/17/2009	10/29/2009	Indonesia Presidential Inauguration Ceremony - INDONESIA - JAKARTA (5-days)	N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
18	5/25/2009	5/30/2009	US Senator Mary Landrieu and US/Louisiana Delegation to the Netherlands/OECD Meeting in Paris - NETHERLANDS - PARIS (6-days)	N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
19	4/23/2009	4/27/2009	2009 G8 Environment Ministerial Meeting - ITALY - SIRACUSA (6-days)	N/A					Documentation pre dates records retention		
20											
21			Jackson Totals	\$ 42,800.82						\$ 464,002.76	\$ 139,407.63

International Travel for Gina McCarthy			Cost of Flight (Not including TMC Fee's)							
From	To									
10/8/2016	10/15/2016	Bilateral Mission to Ghana and Montreal Protocol - GHANA - ACCRA, KIGALI - RWANDA (8-days)	\$ 6,062.35	\$ 3,321.56	Economy	\$ 1,740.00	No		\$ 68,382.47	\$ 39,779.38
9/19/2016	9/25/2016	EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Visit to Peru - PERU - LIMA, CUSCO, CHINCHA (7-days)	\$ 3,470.93	\$ 1,651.63	Economy	\$ 1,179.50	Yes for 4 out of 5 days		\$ 85,138.78	\$ 22,437.95
9/7/2016	9/10/2016	2016 CEC Ministerial Council Session - MEXICO - MERIDA (4-days)	\$ 1,443.71	\$ 854.50	Economy	\$ 173.20	No		\$ 30,518.48	\$ 8,961.75
8/16/2016	8/22/2016	2016 RIO Olympics Closing Ceremony - BRAZIL - RIO DE JANEIRO (5-days)	Trip was Cancelled							
7/20/2016	7/24/2016	Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties (EXMOP) of the Montreal Protocol - AUSTRIA - VIENNA (5 days)	\$ 3,047.93	\$ 1,638.66	Economy	\$ 586.22	No		\$ 57,258.51	\$ 17,780.93
5/14/2016	5/18/2016	G7 Toyama Environment Ministers' Meeting - JAPAN - TOKYO CITY, TOYAMA, and MINAMATA (5-days)	\$ 6,351.38	\$ 3,355.96	Economy	\$ 287.58	No		\$ 74,737.71	\$ 37,028.26
4/5/2016	4/7/2016	The US and Canada's Cooperative Relationship and Partnership on Transboundary and Global Issues - CANADA - OTTAWA (2 days)	\$ 712.43	\$ 356.58	Economy	\$ 176.71	Yes		\$ 7,091.72	\$ 2,587.36
12/4/2015	12/13/2015	Conference of Parties 21 Climate Meetings in Paris, France - FRANCE - PARIS (10-days)	\$ 4,542.92	\$ 1,186.80	Economy	\$ 2,289.14	No		\$ 41,320.92	\$ 14,750.72
11/1/2015	11/6/2015	27th Meeting of the Parties (MOP 27) to the Montreal Protocol - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - DUBAI (6-days)	\$ 6,163.45	\$ 3,437.20	Economy	\$ 1,545.28	Yes		\$ 90,367.62	\$ 23,664.53
8/22/2015	8/29/2015	EPA Administrator's Bilateral Mission to Japan - JAPAN - TOKYO, FUKUSHIMA (8-days)	\$ 5,562.46	\$ 3,142.00	Economy	\$ 1,044.53	No		\$ 57,702.54	\$ 21,505.42
1/28/2015	2/2/2015	Executive Board of the World Health Organization; meet with the Minister of Environment of Italy, and to will deliver remarks at the GE O3 and Gas Conference - SWITZERLAND - GENEVA, ITALY - FLORENCE (6-days)	\$ 4,838.12	\$ 2,037.60	Economy	\$ 1,058.18	No		\$ 56,129.72	\$ 24,808.17
7/15/2014	7/18/2014	2014 Commission for Environmental Cooperation - CANADA - VANCOUVER, YELLOWKNIFE (4-days)	\$ 5,964.30	\$ 5,202.15	Economy	\$ 328.50	No	GovTrip - Multi City	\$ 52,245.61	\$ 14,843.56
5/7/2014	5/9/2014	President of Costa Rica's inauguration - COSTA RICA - SAN JOSE (3-days)	Trip Was Cancelled, vouchered for fees only \$25.50					GovTrip - vch only \$25.50	\$ 1,308.55	
4/10/2014	4/17/2014	EPA Administrator's Regional Asia Mission - TAIWAN - TAIPEI; HANOI - VIETNAM (6-days)	\$ 5,320.88	\$ 4,179.87	Economy	\$ 658.48	No	GovTrip, AF includes TMC Fee	\$ 68,267.89	\$ 15,424.41
1/21/2014	1/25/2014	World Economic Forum 2014 - SWITZERLAND - DAVOS (5-days)	\$ 5,870.42	\$ 2,501.57	Economy	\$ 2,440.71	Yes, all lodging	DAVOS made all rooms during time over per diem	\$ 24,671.71	\$ 10,878.83
12/7/2013	12/14/2013	EPA Administrator's China Mission: JCEC - CHINA - BEIJING, SHANGHAI (8-days)	\$ 4,438.01	\$ 2,343.04	Economy	\$ 1,365.61	Yes, 1 of 5 nights	GovTrip, AF includes TMC Fee, Last night in Hong Kong	\$ 55,384.75	\$ 12,086.46
McCarthy Totals			\$ 65,889.29						\$ 750,528.98	\$ 266,457.73



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**Sent:** 3/30/2018 10:14:54 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Harrington [elizabeth@freebeacon.com]  
**Attachments:** Evaluation of Lease Agreement2018-03-30-152600.pdf

Wanted to make sure you saw the attached memo and statement from EPA:

**“As EPA career ethics officials stated in a memo, Administrator Pruitt’s housing arrangement for both himself and family was not a gift and the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox**

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*  
Designated Agency Ethics Official &  
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold  
General Counsel

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As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

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**Sent:** 3/21/2018 5:54:36 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Harrington [elizabeth@freebeacon.com]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA International Travel

Good stuff, thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2018, at 1:48 PM, Elizabeth Harrington <[elizabeth@freebeacon.com](mailto:elizabeth@freebeacon.com)> wrote:

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/>

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 12:14 PM, Elizabeth Harrington <[elizabeth@freebeacon.com](mailto:elizabeth@freebeacon.com)> wrote:  
awesome, thank you!

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 12:10 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)> wrote:

See screenshots for McCarthy and Jackson

**From:** Elizabeth Harrington [mailto:[elizabeth@freebeacon.com](mailto:elizabeth@freebeacon.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 12:07 PM

**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>  
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Sorry, one more question. Does Pruitt have any other international travel besides the Italy trip?

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 12:05 PM, Elizabeth Harrington <[elizabeth@freebeacon.com](mailto:elizabeth@freebeacon.com)> wrote:

ok cool, thanks. and this is all internal EPA data?

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 11:59 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)> wrote:

**My apologizes: Vietnam is \$68,267 not \$68,7267 to travel to Vietnam.**

**Vietnam is \$68,267**

**From:** Elizabeth Harrington [mailto:[elizabeth@freebeacon.com](mailto:elizabeth@freebeacon.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 11:51 AM

**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA International Travel

Thanks. Just the Vietnam now: **\$68,7267 to travel to Vietnam**

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Two corrections:

Peru was \$45,139 (copied and pasted the wrong bullet)  
China was \$155,763 (copied and pasted the wrong bullet from above)

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And the last figure for Jackson must be a mistake...\$155 million?

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 11:44 AM, Elizabeth Harrington <[elizabeth@freebeacon.com](mailto:elizabeth@freebeacon.com)> wrote:

Is the Vietnam supposed to be \$687,267?. Also, Ghana and Peru have the same amount, of \$68,382 is that correct?

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 11:32 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**Subject:** Re: EPA International Travel

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